

ABSOLUTE RATING: Unsatisfactory
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 18. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to average. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

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RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Unsatisfactory	Excellent
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	35.9	43.2	63.2	40.8	44.3	54.5
• Passed 2 subtests	27.2	27.2	25.0	25.6	23.0	20.8
• Passed 1 subtest	17.4	16.0	5.9	17.7	19.3	13.9
• Passed no subtests	19.6	13.6	5.9	15.9	13.4	10.8

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships at four-year institutions	5.7%	6.0%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	5.7%	6.2%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	72.9%	38.2%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	87.0%	5.7%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	50.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	90.0%	5.9%	
Gender			
Male	82.9%	2.9%	
Female	90.2%	8.3%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	85.5%	4.6%	
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	
White	100.0%	25.0%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	84.2%	5.5%	
Pay for lunch	94.7%	6.7%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	88.4%
Completers placed	93.8%
Eligible students enrolled	48.5%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,261	N/A	\$5,970	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	88.0%	Down from 89.2%	87.7%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	19.2 to 1	N/A	23.0 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=493)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	0.0%	N/A	3.1%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	95.1%	Up from 94.7%	94.5%	95.3%
• Retention rate	7.2%	Up from 3.6%	10.9%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=37)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.3 Days	Up from 7.4	7.9 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	94.5%	Down from 95.7%	95.1%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	45.9%	Up from 44.7%	43.8%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	67.6%	Up from 51.3%	76.6%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	16.2%	Up from 5.1%	2.6%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	69.9%	Down from 73.5%	83.9%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,543	Up 8.2%	\$36,584	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	2.8%	Up from 2.2%	3.0%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	64.1%	N/A	56.3%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	1.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	58.2%	N/A	55.7%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	9.3%	Up from 8.3%	13.8%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	70	N/A	34	29
• Gifted and talented	0.0%	Down from 4.6%	2.3%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	13.1%	Up from 12.2%	12.7%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.1%	N/A	3.3%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	239	N/A	322	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	99.6%	N/A	19.8%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The past year was a good one at Cross High School. Our students showed considerable academic achievement. They engaged in a number of service activities and set an example for students in other schools in our district. Among our accomplishments were the following:

- * The average SAT score for our seniors increased more than 100 points from 748 in 99-2000 to 859 in 2001;
- * 66 of 70 seniors met standard on all parts of the Exit Exam;
- * 31 seniors received the President's Service Challenge Award;
- * 78% of "first attempt" 10th graders met standard on the reading portion of the Exit Exam, while 79% met standard in math;
- * In the Post and Courier's "Wild Tales" writing contest a senior won 1st place in her grade level, an eighth grader won 2nd place, and another 8th grader received honorable mention. All three entries were published;
- * The Future Business Leaders of America student organization once again competed at the State level.

Our teachers worked very hard last year improving both their own professional skills and the instructional program. Teachers attended professional growth conferences, workshops and classes, and were trained in the "best practices" by our LEAD teachers. We began preparation for our upcoming SACS Spring 2002 Peer Review.

A second year teacher entered the TASSEL I program and is pursuing a Master's Degree at South Carolina State University. Two other teachers will begin the TASSEL II program for National Board Certification this fall.

Our students continue to take a scholarly and businesslike approach towards their studies. We hope to continue this trend by continuously improving teacher, student, parent and community relations.

We will continue to believe in our school motto: Education is the key that unlocks the door to a brighter future!
Figgins Frayer, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	53.3	59.0	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	60.0	82.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	46.7	80.7	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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1293 Old Highway 6
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Grades 7-12 High School

Enrollment: 493 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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